(*e*) Yes.

(*f*) Please see answer to (*a*) to (*d*).

Mr. C. V. Iyyu *(Kunnamkulam):* May I know whether the Hon'ble Minister will be pleased to give the information if it is for the years 1119 and 1118?

Mr. T. K. Nayar *(Minister for Rural Development):* No road metalling was done in these years.

PATTANCHERI PANCHAYAT—TANK FOR

272. Mr. A. Eachara Menon *(Chittur-Rural):* Will Government be pleased to state.—

(*a*) how stands the consideration to give a tank to the people of Pattanchery for bathing purposes;

(*b*) has the acquisition of site been over ;

(*c*) if not, why this delay ;

(*d*) how long has this subject been before the Ministry for Rural Development ?

Mr. T. K. Nayar *(Minister for Rural Development):*

(*a*) The site for the construction of the tank has not been fixed.

(*b*) See answer to (*a*).

(*c*) N. Dakshayani Amma of Nayar House, Pattancheri complained against the site proposed and it was dropped. Another site is being selected.

(*d*) About six years.

Mr. A. Eachara Menon *(Chittur-Rural):* May I know whether the selection of the site was not entrusted to the Chittur Members of this Committee.

Mr. T. K. Nayar *(Minister for Rural Development):* Yes. Including the Hon'ble Member.

Mr. A. Eachara Menon *(Chittur-Rural):* Why was that not taken up?

Mr. T. K. Nayar *(Minister for Rural Development):* : I have answered that question. The owner of that tank N. Dakshayani Amma complained that that tank is situated close to her house and that the acquisition may be dropped. I inspected the site and found that there is some justification in the complaint, and as the public wanted a tank which could be utilised by the public of the locality, I thought it would be better to acquire another site suitable for all classes.

Mr. A. Eachara Monon *(Chittur-Rural):* Has the Minister enquired whether these members also ascertained the opinion of the owner when they selected the site?

Mr. T. K. Nayar *(Minister for Rural Development):* It seems this Dakshavani Amma consented to the members to have the tank there but latterly she changed her mind and put in a petition and I had no other go but to change.

Mr. K. S. Panickar *(Exhauvas-Mukundapuam):* Answer to sub-division (c) N. Dakshayani Amma of Nayar House, Pattanchery complained against the site proposed and it was dropped. Another site is being selected. എന്ന പറഞ്ഞിട്ടുണ്ട്. ഏതാണ് ആ സ്ഥലം?

മിസ്റ്റർ ടി. കെ. നായർ Being selected എന്നേ പറഞ്ഞിട്ടുള്ളൂ. Select ചെയ്യുന്നു എന്നേ ഷമേ പറയാൻ തരമുള്ളൂ.

Mr. K. T. Achuthan *(Ezhuvas-Talappalli):* May I know when that particular site was dropped.

Mr. T. K. Nayar *(Minister for Rural Development):* About three months back.

TENANCY ACT—AMENDMENT OF

273. Mr. T. P. Poulose *(Kanayannur):* Will Government be pleased to state.—

(*a*) whether on 11th Meenam 1118 corresponding to 24th March 1943, when the Member for Kanayannur was to present the report of the Select Committee on his Tenancy Act (Amendment) Bill the Advocate-General gave on behalf of the Government an assurance to this House that the Government would bring a Bill to amend the Cochin Tenancy Act during the Vrischigam Meeting in 1119;

(*b*) whether the Member for Kanayannur refrained from moving his Bill on the basis of such assurance;

(*c*) whether the Government appointed a Committee to examine the question of amending the Tenancy Act and drafting the necessary legislation in pursuance of the assurance given on the floor of this House ;

(*d*) whether the Committee has submitted the report and the draft Bill, and if so when;

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(e) whether the Government consider that it is necessary to carry out the assurance mentioned in sub-division (a) before the dissolution of the present Council ?

Rama Varmha Tampuran, M.B.E. *(Secretary to Government):*

(a) Yes.
(b) Yes.
(c) Yes.
(d) Yes. On 29th July 1944.
(e) A decision will be taken in the matter with the least possible delay.

Mr. P. Kumaran Ezhuthassan *(Vadakkancheri):* May I put the question being an important one?

Mr. President: Have you the consent of the Hon'ble Member ?

Mr. P. Kumaran Ezhuthassan *(Vadakkancheri):* I am sorry I have not.

FRANCHISE—WIDENING OF

274. **Mr. K. M. Ibrahim** *(Cranganur):* With reference to the Government's assurance in the House on 23rd March 1943, "Government only want a little more time" (Vide page 522, V, C. L. C. Vol. X, Part 12), will they be pleased to state what they have done to widen the franchise within about the last 2 years after their promise referred to ?

Rama Varmha Tampuran, M.B.E. *(Secretary to Government):* Government reply was that they prefer to postpone controversial questions like revision of franchise to better times, obviously meaning post-war period. Their position is the same even now.

PLANTING OF SHADE TREES ON RAILWAY PLAT FORMS

275. **Mr. George Panikulam** *(Irinjalakkuda):* Will Government be pleased to state.—

(a) whether the Government have taken steps to get shade trees planted at the Railway platforms where such trees do not now exist along the Shoranur Cochin Railway line;

(b) if not, whether the Government will take action to supply this want for the sake of the public who have to travel by rail especially in summer ?

Rama Varmha Tampuran, M.B.E *(Secretary to Government):*

(a) Shade trees have been planted at Ernakulam North and South Stations. As regards other stations where such trees are wanting, the matter is being considered by the Railway Authorities.

(b) No answer is called for in view of the answer to (a).

NEWSPAPER ARTICLE IN "MALABAR MAIL"

276. **Mr. K. R. Achyuthan** *(Ezhuvas-Trichur):* Will Government be pleased to state whether their attention has been drawn to the article published on page 1 of "The Malabar Mail" in its issue dated 4th February 1945, under the caption "what relationship between efficiency and qualification ? Certain examples from Service".

Rama Varmha Tampuran, M.B.E. *(Secretary to Government):* They have read the article.

DEARNESS ALLOWANCE TO HONORARY DOCTORS

277. **Mr. George Panikulam** *(Irinjalakuda):* Will Government be pleased to state.—

(a) whether the dearness allowance is paid to Honorary Doctors in independent charge of Government Dispensaries and Hospitals where fixed allowances alone are drawn by them;

(b) if not, whether the Government propose to extend the dearness allowance to such doctors at least for the future ;

(c) whether such doctors are not ordered by Government to do regular work both in the morning and in the evening like paid doctors who draw dearness allowance ?

Mr. B. V. K. Menon *(Joint Secretary to Government):*

(a) No.
(b) No.
(c) Yes.

SUPPLY OF UMBRELLA AND FOOT-WEAR TO ANCHALMEN

278. **Mr. George Panikulam** *(Irinjalakkuda):* Will Government be pleased to state.—

(a) whether the Government is aware of the practice to supply an umbrella and a pair of sandals to every postman in the British Postal Department at Government cost ;

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